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HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Special Meeting - Tri Town Shelter Visit

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Phil Bunick, Commission Chairman and Marina Rodriguez, VSS Staff Liaison attended the visit.

Pieter Nijssen, Tri Town shelter Director gave a tour of the facility and explained the services and programs offered to shelter guests.

Pieter would like to expand shelter beds from 15 to 18 but the number is capped by the CO. Is there a way to address with Building/Zoning?

The rate of \$4 per bed night that TOV pays the Shelter may need to be adjusted. Pieter was not sure what is the formula being used.

Pieter explained that the State prohibits Shelter from reserving beds for Vernon. They must take guests on a first come first serve basis.

Discussed possible ways to save in budget in the future by sharing services; for example, possible participation in group medical plan, bulk purchasing of supplies, waste management, and other items that could be consolidated with Town's operations to incur savings for the agencies.

Phil and Marina informed Pieter that he must submit the total amount that is being requested this fiscal year, not just \$4 per bed night. If he doesn't provide a total amount then we would have to come up with the total based on utilization for the past 2-3 years.

Submitted by
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